

## **CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

1. (currently amended) A disposable wearing article comprising:

~~an independently made~~ back region having extensibility in a waist direction, the back region defining a first length in the waist direction when the back region is in an unstretched condition and a second length in the waist direction when the back region is in a maximum stretched condition and ~~provided with stopper members being provided at both ends of the back region~~ in the waist direction;

~~an independently made abdominal region that is made independently of~~ and spaced apart from the independently made back region, the abdominal region being provided with flap portions at both ends in the waist direction; and

an absorber that bridges between and connects the ~~independently made spaced apart~~ back region and the ~~independently made~~ abdominal region,

wherein ~~a~~ the second length of the back region in the waist direction ~~when the back region is stretched~~ is longer than a maximum length of the abdominal region that can be achieved in the waist direction, and the first length of the back region in the waist direction when no force is applied to the back region from an outside is almost equal to the length of the abdominal region in the waist direction or shorter than the length of the abdominal region in the waist direction when no force is applied to the abdominal region from the outside.

Claims 2 and 3 (canceled).

4. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article according to claim 1, wherein the back region includes a web for outer surface, a web for inner surface, and an elastic member provided between the web for outer surface and the web for inner surface, the elastic member is extendable in the waist direction.

5. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article according to claim 1, wherein a trimmed portion is provided on an inner edge of each of the both ends of the back region, and on an inner edge of the flap portions.

6. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article according to claim 1, wherein a slanting portion is provided on an inner edge of each of the both ends of the back region, and on an inner edge of each of the flap portions.

7. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article according to claim 1, wherein the stopper members are temporarily held on the abdominal region to form the disposable wearing article into an underpants-shape, and the back region and the abdominal region are joined at an inside from the stopper member.

8. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article according to claim 1, wherein the stopper members are temporarily held on the abdominal region to form the disposable wearing article into an underpants-shape, and the back region and the abdominal region are joined at an outside from the stopper member.

9. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article according to claim 1, wherein a length of each of the flap portions is 50 to 60mm.

10. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article according to claim 1, wherein the abdominal region has substantially no extensibility in the waist direction.

11. (new) The disposable wearing article according to claim 1, wherein the stopper members are provided at an inner position with respect to the both ends of the back region in the waist direction, and the back region has the extensibility over the entirety of the both ends of the back region.